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RESPONSE B

This is a Supplemental Response upon Applicants' September 10, 2003 Response to the Office Action, mailed June 10, 2003, for which the shortened statutory response date was September 10, 2003. This Supplemental Response is submitted pursuant to telephone communications with the Examiner on September 26 and 29, 2003. Please reconsider the Application in light of the following remarks and amendments.

Applicants believe that no fees are due for this Supplemental Response. However, if Applicants are in error as to this opinion, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any required fee or amount to our Deposit Account No. 04-1512.

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PRELIMINARY REMARKS

The present Response has been prepared pursuant to telephone communications with the Examiner on September 26 and 29, 2003, in which the Examiner stated: (1) that Claims 9-16 would be considered in condition for allowance if Applicants were to authorize an amendment to Claim 9 to eliminate reference to a "broad range" of compounds, as further explained below; and (2) that Claims 1-8 and 18-21 would not be considered enabled and non-obvious without:

(2A) Applicants' establishing that methods of the claimed invention would work, not only with the exemplified biological materials, but also with animal (and human) biological materials; and

(2B) Applicants' providing data showing that selection of an alcohol other than isopropanol, e.g., methanol or ethanol, fails to achieve the unexpected results Applicants obtained by selection of isopropanol for use in an extraction solvent.

The remarks, amendments, and attachments discussed below have now been prepared in order to address these three remaining items.